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Sam Saunders is an associate in the Firm's General Practice Group. Sam's practice concentrates on project and corporate finance and restructuring transactions. He has acted on a wide variety of transactions across the credit spectrum, including investment grade and high yield debt offerings, leveraged finance, export credit and multilateral finance, distressed debt, bankruptcy and insolvency matters. Sam also has experience in a range of corporate and commercial transactions, including project development arrangements, M&A and joint venture arrangements.

Sam has particular expertise on renewable energy transactions, hydrogen, sustainable finance and ESG-matters and has authored numerous articles on these topics.

Sam also helps coordinate the Firm's London office pro bono practice, with a particular focus on international development, sustainability and human rights matters.

Prior to attending Stanford Law School, Sam obtained a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering.

SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

- **The Adecco Group** on its acquisition financing of a (majority) stake of Akka Technologies SE from the Ricci family and Compagnie Nationale à Portefeuille (CNP)
- Various clients on sustainable finance and ESG-related matters, including green and sustainability-linked bonds and loans, the Equator Principles, the IFC Performance Standards and other ESG-related standards
- The coordinating committee of bank creditors in the global restructuring of renewable energy sponsor **Abengoa**
- The sponsors of **Rovuma LNG** (Mozambique) on the proposed project financing of a \$30B LNG liquefaction project
- The **ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency** in drafting and implementing an ECOWAS directive on gender assessments for energy projects (pro bono)

PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

Africa

Capital Markets

Credit & Leveraged Finance

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Europe

General Practice

Infrastructure

Power & Utilities

Project Development & Finance

Renewable & Alternative Energy

Restructuring

EDUCATION

2014, Stanford Law School, J.D.

2011, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ph.D.

2008, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, M.S.

2006, University of Virginia, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

- **SoftBank Group Corp** on various secured forward and collar transactions monetizing positions in public companies using ISDA and GMSLA-based documentation